

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10 and 12-20 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8-10 and 12-20 are allowed. Claims 5-7 are rejected.

The Claim Amendments

Applicants have canceled claim 5. They reserve the right to seek patents on the canceled subject matter in applications claiming benefit herefrom.

Applicants have amended claim 7 to depend from allowed claim 1, rather than from canceled claim 8.

These amendments do not encompass new matter and do not require new search or examination. Their entry is requested.

The Rejections

Claims 5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite. In particular, the Examiner contends that claim 5 is vague because “it is unclear what portions of SEQ ID NO:1 comprise the IL-TR regulatory region”. The Examiner contends that claim 7 is vague because it depends on a canceled claim.

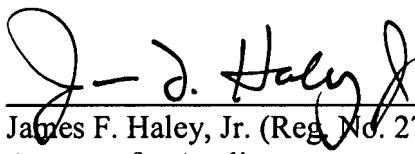
Applicants have overcome the rejections and placed the case in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal by canceling claim 5 and by amending claim 7 to depend from claim 1.

Entry of these amendments and allowance of this application is requested.

CONCLUSION

The amended claims are in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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